

Henry Harrison Houses
112-114-116 Cuthbert Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1421

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA	COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HARRISON, HENRY, HOUSES		HABS NO. PA-1421
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 112-114-116 Cuthbert Street (formerly Coombes Alley)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Ca. 1760	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The three brick rowhouses were built as rental properties for Henry Harrison, a merchant, and contained notable interior woodwork. In 1795 No. 114 was conveyed to Harrison's daughter, Mary, and her husband, William White.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Each house measures approx. 14' (two-bay front) X 37', and is 2 1/2 stories high. Each house has one front room and one back room on the first and second floors (con't. on p. 2)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gambrel roofs, pent eaves, cornices, front dormers; bulkheads at front of house.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) No. 112: Original doors and windows, paneling, cornices, mantels and hearths (fireplaces blocked up), cupboards, trim (plain moldings); plaster on all floors. No. 114: Same as No. 112, except for ca. 1860 mantels, doors and replacement moldings; (con't. on p. 2)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See page 3 for a photographic view of the front elevations of the houses.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. HABS inventory form for the above houses, prepared in 1957 by George A. Robbins, A.I.A., architect for the Philadelphia Historical Commission.		
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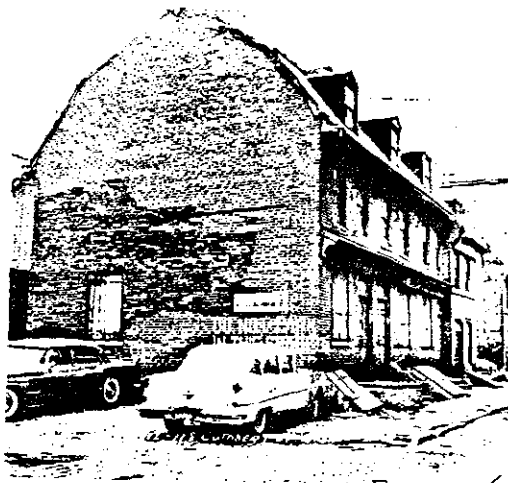
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (continued from p. 1):

and the same in the garret, with a piazza or stair tower at the rear.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (continued from p. 1):

first floor paneling cut to accommodate a later mantel and a built-in cast-iron oven. No. 116: Interior woodwork, including paneling and fireplace, was bought by the Henry Francis duPont Winterthur Museum, located in Delaware, and reinstalled in the museum's Queen Anne Room. Central and side chimneys on the first floor have been removed.

Some of the houses' original hardware remains.



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FRONT ELEVATIONS FACE SOUTH

View xeroxed from a photo in Historic American
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